

Foxton Locks scoops three National Awards

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At the Annual Waterway Renaissance Awards on 31 March, Foxton Locks and Inclined Plane was presented with an "Outstanding Achievement" award for the three year £2.8 million restoration project that has transformed the 20 acre site, managed by British Waterways. In addition to this top award, the project was also winner of the Historic category, and commended in the Design & Construction category. The judging panel said: "The balance achieved between modern engineering and historic remains is outstanding. The project's built and natural environments, old and new, have been superbly restored and beautifully presented." Accepting the award on behalf of the Foxton Locks Partnership, British Waterways' regeneration manager, James Clifton said "I would like to acknowledge those special people without whom these projects would never see the light of day – the funders. We are indebted to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Welland SSP, East Midlands Tourism, Leicestershire County Council and many others for their help and support."

Roger Hanbury, Chief Executive of The Waterways Trust, said: "The restoration of Foxton Locks and Inclined Plane is an excellent example of how the modern renaissance of our waterways continues to change our environment for the better. This project is part of an imaginative programme to transform this unique and previously partly derelict site into a visitor attraction of national importance, balancing the challenging demands of heritage, engineering, and environment. The result is stunning and incorporates many clever and innovative solutions. It is a fantastic project, brilliantly executed by a great team."



The nominations were judged by an independent assessment panel, comprising waterway, conservation and regeneration experts and chaired by Sir Peter Soulsby M.P